



WASHINGTON, SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 9, 1897.

MAY BALL AND COMMENCEMENT FOOTWEAR—Probably more than half the participants in these occasions are shod by us; our variety and prices explain "why."

Busy May Shoe Days!

Despite the frequent showers, we were almost overrun with buyers all last week. The cause is our unusually large and well selected shoe variety at very unusual prices. This week will prove, if anything, even more attractive. These are but a few of the offerings that will make it so:

Ladies' \$2 Brown Oxford Ties This Week at \$1.25.

A lucky purchase brought these exceptionally well-made shoes into our house. They are made on the new "dime" and "quarter" toes. All sizes and widths.



Our "Everbright" Tan Shoes.

If you want the most comfortable and most satisfactory Tan Shoes try those made of our "Everbright" Kid. This leather is specially tanned for us by a new chemical process. It never cracks, hardens, or loses its luster. When soiled, simply wash with clear water and rub to a polish with a dry cloth.

Hand-sewed "Everbright" Tan Shoes for men; 10 styles of Laced, Button and Oxfords.

\$3.00 a Pair.

Ladies' "Everbright" Tan Boots; hand-sewed, with or without laces; all the popular shapes.

\$2.50 a Pair.

What Lawson—"The Terrible Swede"—thinks of our

Bicycle Shoes.

Washington, 5-4, 1897.

Messrs. Wm. Hahn & Co.

GENTS—It affords me pleasure in saying that the pair of "Perfect" Bicycle Shoes I bought from you are the most comfortable and best looking Cycle Shoes I ever wore.

Respy,
JOHN LAWSON,
"The Terrible Swede."

A FEW OF OUR GREAT

Cycle Footwear Specialties:

Ladies' Nobby Boots, black or brown; perfect fitting and durable. Regular \$2.50 grade—

\$2.00

Ladies' Best Tan and Brown Via Kid Boots; on most approved styles. Regular \$3.50 grade—

\$2.50

Ladies' "Everbright" Kid best-made Boots. None better anywhere. At \$4, or even \$5.

\$3.00

Better get fitted at once. So great is the demand for our Cycle Shoes that it has been impossible for us this season to keep up our supply of sizes. We can fit you tomorrow.

Wm. Hahn & Co.'s

RELIABLE SHOE HOUSES,

930 and 932 Seventh St. N. W. 1914 and 1916 Pa. Ave. N. W. 233 Penna. Ave. S. E.

Great Remodeling Sale

It's because we MUST and not because it pleases us. Improvements in our store have become an imperative necessity, and we are anxious to use the hot months, when business is slack, to accomplish the work. Hence this sale. PRICES AT ONE-HALF—really so—is too good a thing to miss. The figures below will give you an idea of the reductions.

Skirts.	Wrappers.	Waists.
<p>\$3.00 Brilliantine and Novelty Skirts.</p> <p>\$1.29.</p>	<p>\$1.00 Percal and Lawn Wrappers.</p> <p>57c.</p>	<p>\$3.00 and \$6.00 Silk Waists.</p> <p>\$2.89.</p>
<p>Sheets.</p> <p>Lot of Mohawk Sheets, size 63x90. Worth 40c.</p> <p>28c.</p>	<p>Pillow Cases.</p> <p>1,000 Pillow Cases, size 36x45; made of soft Irish cotton. Worth 12 1/2c.</p> <p>6 1/2c.</p>	<p>Towels.</p> <p>Lot of extra large Towels, size 20x40. Regular 10c. grade.</p> <p>4c.</p>
<p>White Goods.</p> <p>150 pieces of White Check Nainsook; 10 different patterns. The 8c. quality.</p> <p>4 1/2c.</p>	<p>Jaconets.</p> <p>2 cases of yard-wide French Jaconets; all the new colors and designs. Worth 12 1/2c.</p> <p>5 1/2c.</p>	<p>Challies.</p> <p>5 cases of New Challies, in all the handsome effects. Regular price 8c.</p> <p>3 1/2c.</p>
<p>French Organdies.</p> <p>Handsome line of French Organdies; prettiest patterns ever shown. Worth 15c.</p> <p>9 1/2c.</p>	<p>India Linen.</p> <p>100 pieces of the White India Linen. Worth 8c.</p> <p>4 1/2c.</p>	<p>Table Oilcloth.</p> <p>Lot of best quality Table Oilcloth. Usual 19c. grade.</p> <p>12 1/2c.</p>
<p>Silks.</p> <p>Plain China Silks in all the light colors; worth 25c.</p> <p>12 1/2c.</p>	<p>Silks.</p> <p>Handsome line of Novelty Silks; very latest effects; worth 39c.</p> <p>39c.</p>	<p>Ladies' Vests.</p> <p>200 dozen Ladies' Ribbed Vests; worth 10c.</p> <p>4c.</p>
<p>Dress Gingham.</p> <p>200 pieces of new Dress Gingham; stripes and checks; worth 10c.</p> <p>5c.</p>	<p>Umbrellas.</p> <p>Lot of 25c. Gloria Umbrellas; 26 inches; warranted fast black.</p> <p>44c.</p>	<p>Children's Reefers.</p> <p>Children's All-wool Cloth Reefers; made to sell at \$2.</p> <p>89c.</p>
<p>Boys' Waists.</p> <p>Lot of Boys' Percal Waists; all sizes, from 4 to 14. Worth 12 1/2c.</p> <p>12 1/2c.</p>	<p>Children's Dresses.</p> <p>One lot of Children's Dresses, made of fine Gingham and Percal; sizes 4 to 14. Worth 49c.</p> <p>49c.</p>	

EISENMANN'S,

806 7th St. NW. 1924-1926 Pa. Ave.

COMMISSIONERS SWORN IN

The Board Retains Mr. Ross as Its President.

WIGHT DECLINED THE HONOR

He Thought the Work of the Body Could Be Facilitated by the Retention of Mr. Ross—A Message to the President and the Response.

When the new Commissioners arrived at the District building early yesterday morning they found all in readiness for their induction into office. Mr. Ross was the first to arrive, and he repaired immediately to his room, where Secretary Tindall was awaiting him in order to administer the oath prescribed in such cases. After filling the necessary bond with the Fidelity and Trust Company of Baltimore, as surety, Mr. Ross took the oath and was prepared to do business under the new regime. Soon afterward Mr. Wight took the oath and was made a full-fledged Commissioner. His bondsmen were Messrs. W. M. McIlwain and J. P. E. Kunkler, both of whom were sureties in the amount of \$50,000.

The arrival of Mr. Wight at the building was the signal for a general rush toward his office, and from the time of his arrival until he retired to the board room, his office was filled with heads of departments and prominent citizens who had called to pay their respects. During the morning many handsome floral emblems were sent to his office, and when he arrived his room looked like a rose garden in full bloom. On desks, tables and even in chairs, stood large vases filled with choice roses and other flowers.

When it became known that the new members of the board had qualified and that a session would be immediately held, there was much speculation and no little curiosity among the clerks as to the course to be outlined regarding the many applications from persons who want District offices. Many of these applicants are strongly indorsed by members and Senators and several are very persistent in their endeavors to be taken care of. Beyond an inspection of the several applications on file and a general discussion of them, nothing was done by the board in the matter of appointments. Two exceptions were noted, but in these cases immediate action was necessary. Mr. Fred Alvey, who has been acting in the capacity of secretary to Col. Truesdell, was appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of the auditor and Mr. J. Van Allen Sheldis, Jr., was appointed secretary to Commissioner Wight.

Mr. Unger has been appointed to a place with the collector of taxes. Although there are many applicants for

the place now held by Gen. Frank Bond, a dealer of weights and measures, and strong efforts are being made to displace him, there has been no definite action taken by the Commissioners. When asked his views regarding changes in the clerical force, Commissioner Wight said he would make no change unless absolutely necessary for the needs of the service. When his became known throughout the building, an air of contentment seemed to hover over the clerks and they settled down to ordinary routine matters none the worse for their fears aroused earlier in the day by the rumor that the changes would likely be made by the new Commissioner in the several departments under him.

Immediately upon the qualification of the two new members yesterday forenoon, the board went into executive session and remained so until 1:30 o'clock. No matters of any importance were taken up, and the latter part of the time was occupied by Messrs. Ross and Black in informing their new colleague as to matters that would ordinarily come to the attention of the board from time to time. When the board met, Commissioner Ross immediately proposed Mr. Wight as its president, but that gentleman firmly and instantly declined to accept the honor, adding that he thought the work of the body would be greatly facilitated were Mr. Ross to remain president, and he proposed that arrangement. Mr. Ross thanked him for the honor and confidence expressed in him, the minority member, but declined to serve in that capacity unless the President of the United States fully indorsed the choice. At the suggestion of Mr. Ross, a telephone message was sent to the White House, inquiring as to the views and wishes of Mr. McKinley, and asking if the selection of Mr. Ross would be agreeable to the Chief Executive. Word came back almost immediately that the President wanted only a man who would look after the best interests of the District and guard its affairs zealously, and that Mr. Ross, as the president of the board, would be thoroughly satisfactory. Mr. Ross was then chosen to fill his old place, and the board proceeded to the assignments under the new regime.

As the board now stands it is a most admirably balanced body regarding the matter of distinct and definite routine arrangements. Each member will be assigned to one of the departments, divided into smaller ones, but in no way conflicting with the workings of the departments under other Commissioners. Commissioner Ross will have charge of all financial affairs, including the auditor's office, the collector of taxes and the licenses. Commissioner Wight, in addition to the police department and the branches of municipal protection, will have under him the fire department, the inspector of steam boilers and the board of steam engine inspectors, while Capt. Black assumes charge of the office of inspector of buildings, elevators and fire escapes, thus giving him the exclusive control of all mechanical and engineering branches of the District.

This arrangement, it is thought, will greatly aid the Commissioners in the workings of their respective departments and tend to push the routine affairs with greater dispatch than formerly.

CROCKER'S

Shoes Shined Free

939 Pa. Ave.

OXFORDS, HALF PRICE!



We have just purchased from the Dalton Shoe Co., of 115 Duane Street, New York, their entire stock of Women's \$3.50 Oxfords, in black and russets, and will place them on sale Monday and Tuesday at precisely one-half their value, viz.....

\$1.75

These will be placed on our bargain table and sold to first comers commencing at 8 a. m. tomorrow morning. Widths, "B," "C," "D" and "E." Quality considered, this is the grandest bargain ever offered in Women's Oxfords in this or any city on the globe.

Other Good Things.

\$4 Bicycle Shoes, \$2.79.

Beginning Monday morning we will sell Women's Full Length Dark Russet Vici Kid Bicycle Boots, \$4 value for.....

\$2.79

50c Bicycle Leggings, 19c.

On Monday morning we will offer Women's Canvas Bicycle Leggings, in black and brown—50c value for.....

19c

"Jenness Miller" Oxfords, \$4.

If your feet are tender it will pay you to expend the difference and wear "Jenness Miller" Oxfords—which are as soft as a glove and are the best Oxfords ever constructed. We own and control them—black and russets.....

\$4.00

Men's \$5 Shoes, \$3.98.

Beginning Monday morning we will sell all of the Men's \$5 Russia Calf Shoes, in all the latest forms and styles, all hand sewed, at.....

\$3.98

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CROCKER'S, 939 PENNA. AVE.

MISSION FOR MR. ROCKHILL

Higher Honors Said to Be Assured to Him.

MAY BE SLATED FOR CHINA

State Department Authorities Said to Be Favorable to a Plan for Founding a Perpetual Diplomatic Corps—Value of Men Trained by Experience in Statecraft.

Mr. William Woodville Rockhill, President Cleveland's Assistant Secretary of State, the gentleman who gives way to Judge Day, has been assigned by the McKinley Administration that he will be provided for. More than this, Mr. Rockhill has received assurance that his position under the new Administration will be in no sense a retrogression. He has been told, in other words, that he will not be given any mere charge d'affaires, or secretary of legation position, but that he may expect a mission, and a good one.

Further than this, Mr. Rockhill is not acquainted with the intentions of President McKinley and Secretary Sherman, if these gentlemen themselves have decided for him. It is thought probable, however, that the late First Assistant Secretary of State will go either to China or to Spain, and that the probabilities are in favor of the former mission. The history of Mr. Rockhill's career is an explanation of this probability, after the decision of the Administration to give him a mission is accounted for. This gentleman was for many years in China in the diplomatic service. He was a secretary at Peking, and a charge d'affaires there. He is the only gentleman in the United States at all eligible for the Chinese mission who knows the Chinese language. He is well acquainted at the Chinese court. He knows the country, and he knows thoroughly the relations existing between this country and China, and, presumably, has good ideas as to the lines along which amicable relations may continue to exist. It is thought also that Mr. Rockhill would be able to make the diplomatic and the business relations between the two countries even more close and even more profitable than they are at present.

However, Mr. Rockhill knows Spanish also, and is equally as well fitted to be minister to Spain. There is the possibility that some one else may have already been chosen or thought of for the Chinese mission, and in this case Mr. Rockhill may go to the sunny land beyond the Pyrenees. A gentleman thoroughly well informed in diplomatic matters, and especially having knowledge of the ideas that the State Department entertains in its head, is authority for the statement that this excellent provision for the Democratic Mr. Rockhill under the Republican Administration, is the first large indication of a plan which the State Department people have for a perpetual diplomatic corps founded on the models of those of European governments. This gentleman says that there can be no question that many of the officers of our Department of Foreign Affairs have the idea that some day we will train our diplomats in just such a way as they do in Europe.

It is said that this Government has become convinced of deplorable deficiencies shown on certain critical occasions by our diplomats. It is even hinted that the Administration is acutely aware of the fact that among foreign diplomats our gentlemen are regarded as more tyros at the great chess game of diplomacy.

It is suggested that if we could have men trained by long years of experience in the game we would not give the suave gentlemen of the foreign courts so many chances to laugh in their sleeves. It is pointed out that already this Administration has made several moves in this line. The cases of Mr. Adams, Mr. Thomas W. Cridler, and Mr. Walter E. Falcon are cited as conspicuous exceptions to the spoils system and to the usual methods that have obtained in the State Department as well as in the other

DEPARTMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT.

With the possible exception of Mr. Walter E. Falcon, who is said to be intending to resign voluntarily, these gentlemen have been in the service for long periods, have risen step by step, and are apparently to stay in the service indefinitely.

THREE-CENT FARE MOVEMENT.

Efforts to Extend It to All Large Cities.

Cleveland, May 8.—Mayor McKisson has received a communication from Boston, asking the co-operation of Cleveland in collecting facts and figures on the three-cent fare movement. In Boston the movement is being conducted by a citizens' committee, among the vice presidents of which are Dr. Edward Hale, Thomas Higginson, Robert T. Paine, Jr., and Joseph Quincy. The movement, in every respect, is being very effectively and systematically conducted.

The appeal of Boston to Cleveland to strike blows with her in this matter is only the first step toward a union of all the great cities of the country in the cause of lower street car fares, so that in the end the movement will become national in its scope and character. From now on Cleveland and Boston will act in close union in the work, and a constant correspondence will be kept up between them.

FIGHT BEHIND THE SCENES.

Dorothy Morton Strikes Violet Lloyd, Who Became Hysterical.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 8.—Dorothy Morton, prima donna of "The Gelsa," Dal's comic opera, says she has resigned. Sir William Jardine, Bart., manager of the company, however, says she was discharged. The history of Mr. Rockhill's career is an explanation of this probability, after the decision of the Administration to give him a mission is accounted for. This gentleman was for many years in China in the diplomatic service. He was a secretary at Peking, and a charge d'affaires there. He is the only gentleman in the United States at all eligible for the Chinese mission who knows the Chinese language. He is well acquainted at the Chinese court. He knows the country, and he knows thoroughly the relations existing between this country and China, and, presumably, has good ideas as to the lines along which amicable relations may continue to exist. It is thought also that Mr. Rockhill would be able to make the diplomatic and the business relations between the two countries even more close and even more profitable than they are at present.

CARRIAGE MANUFACTURERS ASSIGN.

New Haven, Conn., May 8.—Mandeville & Co., large carriage manufacturers here, have assigned. The head of the firm attributes its failure to losses of \$40,000 several years ago through a trusted employee and the later business depression.

HENNESSY GIVEN THREE MONTHS.

James Hennessy, the all-around professional thief, was yesterday sentenced to three months in the workhouse. Hennessy was captured before he had been given an opportunity to do a job here, but was convicted under the vagrancy act.

NEW YORK SUBTREASURY'S WALLS NEED TO BE STRENGTHENED.

New York, May 8.—Subtreasury Jordan has found it necessary to ask Secretary Gage, at Washington, to strengthen the partitions in the silver vault of the subtreasury in Wall street, which was built to hold \$50,000,000, and now contains \$55,000,000 in silver in bags. The silver weighs 1,000 tons. It is feared that the bags may burst at any moment and crush some of the employees. These vaults have recently been strengthened by oak timbers, which hold up the lattice work. Iron partitions will have to be substituted.

HEAVY WEIGHT OF SILVER.

Business here is right up to "snare" tension all the time. Prices are always down to "snare" levels. We've established a new era in the jewelry trade, and we want you to know it. It is feared that the bags may burst at any moment and crush some of the employees. These vaults have recently been strengthened by oak timbers, which hold up the lattice work. Iron partitions will have to be substituted.

Ladies' \$40 Gold Watch, \$30.

\$3 Cash—\$1 Week.

A wonderful time! 4 Karat 8-10 Gold new style Extra Heavy Hunting Case. Handsome Carved antique bow—highest grade Waltham movement—watch that no one ever sold for less than \$4—\$100.

Any honest person can buy strictly first-class Diamond, Watch and Jewelry here on 10% terms—\$10 worth, \$1.00 down, 50c. weekly.

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\$50 worth, \$5.00 down, \$1.00 weekly.

\$75 worth, \$7.50 down, \$1.50 weekly.

\$100 worth, \$10.00 down, \$2.00 weekly.

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